2007 NJ WHIP Ranking System

<div align="right">Efficiency score multiplier: 2.0</div>

The practice efficiency score is based on multiple resource concern effects, lifespan of system, and cost.

Maximum Points: <u>80</u>   Local Multiplier: 2.0

	Local Issue	Value (Y/N)	Share of Points	Points Earned
1.	The planned habitat improvement is specifically related to Bog turtle habitat enhancement or development.		6	
2.	The project provides quality habitat in the Delaware Bay Shore area (Cape May, Cumberland and Salem counties).		9	
3a.	The project is contiguous to a state Wildlife Management Area, National Wildlife Refuge or local, county or non-governmental protected open space, including farmland preserved properties, that provide quality habitat.		20	
3b.	The project is located within one mile of, but is not contiguous with, a state Wildlife Management Area, National Wildlife Refuge or local, county or non-governmental protected open space, including farmland preserved properties, that provide quality habitat.		10	
4.	The project is located on private (non-government) lands.		9	
5.	In addition to the habitat benefits, the project provides opportunities for wildlife-related recreation.		4	
6.	In addition to the habitat benefits, the project provides water resource protection benefits (with a net positive Conservation Practice Physical Effects score for water quality).		5	
7.	The plan calls for the completion of all structural practices (including seedings/plantings) within the first two years of the contract.		15	
8.	Project is receiving formal assistance from or through a partnership with an additional NRCS recognized wildlife partner agency or organization.		11	

Maximum Points: <u>80</u>   State Multiplier: 1.0

	State Issue	Value (Y/N)	Share of Points	Points Earned
1.	The applicant has an existing conservation plan they wish to implement through the WHIP program.		20	
2a.	The project has a high chance for ecological success. (Soils are appropriate for the planned practices; no limitations from invasive species, slope, bedrock, or cultural resources to prevent project implementation; landowner has a history of successful implementation of similar projects, or full knowledge of the project work and maintenance involved)		20	
2b.	The project has a moderate chance for ecological success. (Soils are mostly appropriate for the planned practices and can be easily amended to provide a suitable planting medium; few limitations from invasive species, slope, bedrock, or cultural resources to prevent project implementation; landowner has knowledge of the project work and maintenance involved)		10	
3a.	The improvement in the Habitat Suitability quality score (HSI Table 2) is between 0 and 5. (HSI tables for each habitat type are located on the NJ WHIP web page).		5	
3b.	The improvement in the Habitat Suitability quality score (HSI Table 2) is between 5.1 and 10. (HSI tables for each habitat type are located on the NJ WHIP web page).		10	
3c.	The improvement in the Habitat Suitability quality score (HSI Table 2) is between 10.1 and 15. (HSI tables for each habitat type are located on the NJ WHIP web page).		20	
3d.	The improvement in the Habitat Suitability quality score (HSI Table 2) is between 15.1 and 20. (HSI tables for each habitat type are located on the NJ WHIP web page).		40	

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Nat'l Multiplier: 1.0

	National Issue	Value (Y/N)	Share of Points	Points Earned
1.	Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the restoration of declining or important native wildlife habitats? Use NJ Natural Heritage data - site must be in an area designated as Biodiversity Rank 1 - 5		18	
2.	Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of wildlife habitat for at-risk species which can include candidate species and State listed threatened and endangered species? Use NJ DEP Landscape Project data - site must be ia an area designated as Landscape Project level 3, 4 or 5.		14	
3.	Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of wildlife habitat for Federally listed threatened and endangered wildlife species? Use NJ DEP Landscape Project data - site must be ia an area designated as Landscape Project level 5.		15	
4.	Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the reduction of invasive species on wildlife habitats? NRCS Biologist will make this determination.		16	
5.	Will the treatment you intend to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of declining or important aquatic wildlife species' habitats? Based upon Landscape Project data, Natural Heritage Biodiversity Rank data, NJ DEP Category 1 Waters classification and local knowledge - NRCS Biologist will make this determination.		17	